urea by the designated canalizing agencies were issued on 1st April 1997. The Government has included these in recently compiled handbook titled "Procedure for import of urea in India". The guidelines for urea imports inter alia provide for the following:

(i)In the choice of international suppliers, preference is given to Producers and Accredited suppliers of urea by laying down more stringent conditions for others in respect of the bid bond and performance guarantee. Besides, the new suppliers have to give proof of their credit rating and bank reference before becoming eligible for consideration.

(ii) No single individual is permitted to take decisions relating to purchases, payments etc. The imports are to be made only with the approval of Board of Directors or the Sale Purchase Committee constituted by the Board.

(iii) Payments for imports are made by the canalizing agencies only against letter of credit.

Approved prices of formulations

475. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved price of Brustin Tabs, Aristogyl, Flagyl and Metrogyl range of formulations and when these were approved;

(b) at what prices these formulations are being sold and why overcharging has been allowed; and

(c) since when the prices are being overcharged and why action has not been taken under the Essential Commodities Act, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) Approved prices of Brustin Tabs, Aristogyl, Flagyl and Metrogyl range of formulations alongwith dates of fixation of these prices are enclosed in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) So far no instance of overcharging has come to the notice of NPPA, the monitoring authority.

Statement

Name of Formulation	Strength	Unit/Pack Size	Approved Price (Rs.) with date
Brustin tabs.	Ibuprofen 400mg, Paracetamol 325 mg	10's ST	7.18 (C.P.) dt. 18.12.97
Aristogyl F tabs.	Furazolidone 100 mg, Metronidazole 400 mg, Simethicone 50 mg	10's ST	7.60 (N.C.P.) dt. 09.03.98
Flagyl DF tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg, Diloxanide Furoate 500 mg	15's AL/BL	18.00 (N.C.P.) dt. 16.04.98
Metrogyl F tabs.	Furazolidone 100 mg, Metronidazole 400 mg	10's AL/ST	6.82 (C.P.) dt. 30.10.98
Metrogyl F tabs.	Furazolidone 100 mg, Metronidazole 400 mg	10's AL/BL	6.44 (C.P.) dt. 30.10.98
Metrogyl Inj.	Metronidazole 5 mg (500 mg/100 ml)	100 ml Glass Bottle	15.70 (C.P.) dt. 02.09.98

Name of Formulation	Strength	Unit/Pack Size	Approved Price (Rs.) with date
Metrogyl Inj.	Metronidazole 5 mg (500 mg/100 ml)	100 ml Plastic Bottle	11.70 (C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl F Suspension	Metronidazole Benzoate eq. to 200 mg of Metronidazole & 40 mg of Furazolidone	30 ml Bottle with M. Cup	8.30 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl F Suspension	Metronidazole Benzoate eq. to 200 mg of Metronidazole & 40 mg of Furazolidone	60 ml Bottle with M. Cup	12.72 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl Compound tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg, Diloxanide Furoate 500 mg	15's AL/BL	17.58 (C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl Compound tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg, Diloxanide Furoate 500 mg	15's AL/ST	18.32 (C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl Compound tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg, Diloxanide Furoate 500 mg	100's Plastic Bottle	127.19.(C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl Suspension	Metronidazole Benzoate 320 mg	30 ml Bottle with M. Cup	7.28 (C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl Suspension	Metronidazole Benzoate 320 mg	60 ml Bottle with M.Cup	11.08.(C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 200 mg	10's ST	3.24 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 200 mg	10's Plastic Bottle	33.37 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 200 mg	500's Plastic Bottle	148.53 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 200 mg	1000's Plastic Bottle	286.28 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg	10's ST	5.62 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg	100's Plastic Bottle	60.75 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg	500's Platic Bottle	278.29 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg	1000's Plastic Bottle	544.55 (N.C.P.) dt. 02.09.98
Metrogyl F tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg Furazolidone 100 mg	10's AL/BL	6.44 (C.P.) dt. 30.10.98
Metrogyl F tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg Furazolidone 100 mg	10's AL/ST	6.82 (C.P.) dt. 30.10.98
Metrogyl F tabs.	Metronidazole 400 mg Furazolidone 100 mg	100's Plastic Bottle	70.85 (N.C.P.) dt. 30.10.98

NOTE: C.P. = Ceiling Price, the retail price in the case of C.P. is excluding excise duty.
N.C.P. = Non-Ceiling Price, the retail price in the case of N.C.P. is including excise duty.